

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF CALHOUN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #40
OF CALHOUN AND GREENE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

A special meeting, of the Board of Education in Calhoun Community Unit School District #40, consisting of Calhoun and portions of Greene Counties, Illinois was called to order by Board President Luke Fraley, Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 5:07 pm in the Calhoun High School Cafeteria.

Upon roll being called the following board members were present: Jackie Baalman, Luke Fraley, Amanda Gress, Janine Hagen, Hannah Nelson, and Nate Sagez. Laura Longnecker arrived at 5:25 pm.

Others in attendance were: Andrea Lee, LeaAnn Klaas, Christie Lorsbach, Ann Gilman, Patrick Simon, Chris Simon, Angie Tepen, CJ Tepen, Chelsie Pluester, Mary Pluester, Jeff Webster, Peggy Hall, Rachel and Henlee Berry, Hayden Sievers, Jacinda Hurley, Tammy Bailey, Daniel Moser, and Kayla Moser.

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves the agenda inclusive of:

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. RECEPTION OF VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Personnel
- B. Return to School Plan

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, or any other issues that may be properly considered under executive session order.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURN

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – absent
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carried.

Reception of Visitors / Public Comment:

Mrs. Lee explained how the guidance and recommendations are continually changing regarding protocols to return to school and wearing masks from the Illinois Governor, CDC, IDPH and Academy of Pediatrics.

Patrick Simon presented a Cooperative Sports Intergovernmental Agreement to the board. He was present as a community member and not to represent the Brussels school board. This is separate from the Brussels CUSD #42 counter offer.

CJ & Angie Tepen was present to speak to the board about parents having the right to mask their children or not. Wearing masks has had a negative impact on their children. They have spoken to legislators and lawyers regarding the mandatory mask mandate. They would like to find a common ground to the issue.

Christie Lorsbach gave a shout out to Brenda Camerer, Brian Pelletier, Stacy Baalman, Tim Eilerman and Bo & Riley Lorsbach for helping to clean up the outside of the elementary school building.

Executive Session:

A motion was made at 5:48 pm by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education enters into executive session.

For the purpose of discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s); legal counsel, collective negotiating matters or deliberations; board vacancies; evidence or testimony presented in a hearing where authorized by law; purchase or lease of real property; sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts; security procedures; student disciplinary cases or any matter involving an individual student; litigation; self-evaluation, practices and procedures, or professional ethics; minutes of meetings lawfully closed; internal control weaknesses, potential fraud risk areas; establishment of reserves, settlement or discussion of claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications from or with respect to any insurer of the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made at 6:58 pm by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education returns to Open Session to continue meeting and take any appropriate action.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Cara Rojas as Music/Band Teacher.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves to hire Lindsey Watters as the Music/Band Teacher and Band Supervisor for the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
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Fraley – yes
Gress – yes
Hagen – yes
Motion carries.

Nelson – yes
Sagez – yes

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves to hire Lindsay Steinacher as the Parent Educator for the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes
Fraley – yes
Gress – yes
Hagen – yes
Motion carries.

Longnecker – yes
Nelson – yes
Sagez – yes

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves to hire Michael (Wilbur) Kirbach as a Cook for the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes
Fraley – yes
Gress – yes
Hagen – yes
Motion carries.

Longnecker – yes
Nelson – yes
Sagez – yes

A motion was made by Laura Longnecker, seconded by Hannah Nelson that the Board of Education approves to hire Clint Borton as the Sophomore Class of '24 Sponsor for the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes
Fraley – yes
Gress – yes
Hagen – yes
Motion carries.

Longnecker – yes
Nelson – yes
Sagez – yes

A motion was made by Nate Sagez, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves to hire Wanda Deffenbaugh and Tara Smith as the Freshman Class of '25 Sponsor for the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes
Fraley – yes
Gress – yes
Hagen – yes
Motion carries.

Longnecker – yes
Nelson – yes
Sagez – yes

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to hire Jeannette Johnson as the Elementary Tech Coordinator for the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes
Fraley – yes

Longnecker – yes
Nelson – yes

Gress – yes
Hagen – yes
Motion carries.

Sagez – yes

A motions was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Janine Hagen that the Board of Education approves to hire Skylar Ufer as a Paraprofessional for the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes
Fraley – yes
Gress – yes
Hagen – yes
Motion carries.

Longnecker – yes

Nelson – yes

Sagez – yes

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education approves to hire Kassidy Klocke as the 7/8 Girls Basketball Coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes
Fraley – yes
Gress – yes
Hagen – yes
Motion carries.

Longnecker – yes

Nelson – yes

Sagez – yes

A motion was made by Jackie Baalman, seconded by Nate Sagez that the Board of Education approves to hire Casey Longnecker as the CHS Boys Basketball for the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes
Fraley – yes
Gress – yes
Hagen – yes
Motion carries.

Longnecker – yes

Nelson – yes

Sagez – yes

A motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves to hire Adam Hickson as the Athletic Director Supervisor for the 2021-22 school year.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes
Fraley – yes
Gress – yes
Hagen – yes
Motion carries.

Longnecker – yes

Nelson – yes

Sagez – yes

A motion was made by Amanda Gress, seconded by Laura Longnecker that the Board of Education approves to reaffirm all existing coaching and stipend paid positions as presented.

CHS Asst. Girls Basketball – Sean Nelson

CHS Vol. Asst. Girls Basketball – Hannah Nelson

CHS Asst. Baseball – Riley Caselton

Concession Stand Coordinator – Jeannette Johnson

Junior Class of '23 – Madeleine Heberling

NHS & CHS Tech Coordinator – Ann Gilman

Vol. CHS & CJHS Trap – Charles Gilman
Vol. Asst. Football – JD Lorton
5/6 Boys Basketball – Lance Titus
Website Coordinator – Nathan Bloodworth
Senior Class of '22 – Heather Reed
CHS Vol. Asst. Baseball – Tim Margherio
Student Council – Eric Hagen
5/6 Girls Basketball – Sue Nelson
Head Cook – Dianne Bick

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – abstain
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Janine Hagen, seconded by Jackie Baalman that the Board of Education approves the Return to School Plan as presented.

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Hannah Nelson, seconded by Amanda Gress that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 7:02 pm

Board polled:

Baalman – yes	Longnecker – yes
Fraley – yes	Nelson – yes
Gress – yes	Sagez – yes
Hagen – yes	

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education